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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6762

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW, MT

SUBJECT: MORE ON MINTOFF REQUEST FOR MEETING

REF: BONN 6025

1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR DA-RIN TELLS ME THAT HE HAS JUST BEEN TOLD BY GOM ATTORNEY GENERAL MIZZI THAT FORMER CHANCELLOR BRANDT, NOW VISITING MALTA, HAD INFORMED MINTOFF THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER "MIGHT BE STOPPING BRIEFLY IN MALTA THIS WEEKEND ENROUTE TO AFRICA. (MIZZI HAS NOT YET ASKED ME, SINCE MINTOFF CONTINUES TO PREFER PUSHING THE ITALIANS TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING, BUT HE MAY DO SO.) DA-RIN TOLD MIZZI HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS BUT WOULD CHECK. I SAID I HAD NO INFORMATION TO THIS EFFECT AND REGARDED THE REPORT AS WILDLY IMPROBABLE.

2. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT BRANDT ACTUALLY MAY ONLY HAVE CONFIRMED THE SPD OFFICIAL'S APPROACH TO EMBASSY BONN REPORTED IN REFTTEL, AND THAT BRANDT'S SUPPORT OF MINTOFF'S LONG-STANDING DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY HAS SOMEHOW BEEN GARBLED INTO THE REPORT PASSED ALONG BY MIZZI.

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3. IN ANY CASE, WHILE I DO NOT PROPOSE TO RAISE THE

SUBJECT, I WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND
IF AND WHEN I AM QUERIED BY THE GOM. SMITH

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